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Order of Compliance with the Interstate Compact 2-6-2006

When a child in out-of-home placement relocates to another state, necessitating a referral through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, the State of New Jersey (i.e., CP&P) must obtain custody of the child, an Order of Compliance with the Interstate Compact, or an Article VI Court Order (for a juvenile adjudicated delinquent being placed in a residential facility). A court order is required.

Obtain an Order of Compliance with the Interstate Compact when the child was placed by parental consent, as documented on a Residential Placement Agreement, CP&P Form <u>25-59</u> or a Consent to Independent Living, CP&P Form <u>10-8</u>, and now:

- CP&P seeks to explore return home to a parent who resides out-of-state; or
- CP&P seeks to place the child with a relative who resides out-of-state

(See <u>CP&P-VIII-D-3-1300</u> when seeking an Article VI Court Order.)

For a child placed in a residential treatment center/program or on independent living by parental consent, whose parent or guardian is in agreement with the plan for him or her to relocate out-of-state, use the Order of Compliance at Exhibit B. Click here to view Exhibit B.

If a parent or guardian is not in agreement with the plan, consult the Deputy Attorney General to determine whether CP&P should request a summary hearing. Use a simple complaint – Exhibit A -- to assure proper notice to the parent or guardian. Click here to view Exhibit A.

If the parent or guardian fails to appear at court, or refuses to consent to the plan, an Order of Compliance may be entered, as illustrated at Exhibit C. Click here to view Exhibit C.

When conferencing a case with the DAG, include a discussion of the following issues:

- parent-child visitation and/or child-sibling visitation (to assure arrangements comply with the Child Placement Bill of Rights, N.J.S.A. 9:6B-4); and
- if, at a summary hearing, the parent or guardian contests the plan to place the child out-of-state, such an action could be considered a revocation of the placement agreement (CP&P Form 10-8 or form 25-59), thereby necessitating the filing of a different complaint under Title 9 or Title 30.